



news for and about Bellevue neighborhoods

Volunteer with Jubilee Reach Day of Sharing and Caring

Saturday, Aug 23

On Saturday August 23, you, your family or your neighborhood group could make a difference to a neighbor struggling with the outside appearance of their home. "A Day of Sharing and Caring" a partnership between Jubilee Reach, the City of Bellevue, local businesses and homeowners is now in its 7th year. Have you wanted to help but didn't know where to start or have too little time? Would a 4 hour block of your time be manageable to help those who may be physically or financially unable to do this work?

Volunteers are needed to tackle outside improvements on some 20 homes, including painting, yard work and carport cleanup. Applications have been submitted by Bellevue homeowners facing economic or other life challenges. Please consider volunteering on August 23rd to meet the needs of more of our neighbors.

For more information, please contact Gary King at garyk@jubileereach.org or call 206-419-5238 by August 11th.





Police Citizen Academy

Every Wednesday 7-10pm, Sept 3 – Nov 26 Bellevue City Hall Police Department

The Bellevue Police Department will host a Police Citizen Academy starting September 3. The Academy is a 12-week program for those who live and work in Bellevue to become acquainted with how their police department operates. The program consists of 3-hour classes that are held every Wednesday night 7 to 10pm, from September 3 to November 26.

The Citizens Academy is primarily classroom based, and the lessons provide hands-on learning about law enforcement. A few of the courses covered include Patrol Procedures, Firearms, 911 Communications, Narcotics, K-9, Major Crimes Investigations, Major Accident Investigations, Defensive Tactics, and Hostage Negotiations. The program is designed to acquaint participants with the dedicated officers of the police department, how the police department operates and with the nature of the policing challenges the department faces on a daily basis. The purpose of the Community Academy is

to develop positive relations between the Police Department and the community at large through education and interaction. On completion of the academy, graduates will gain a better understanding of law enforcement's role in the criminal justice system, and the many challenges facing law enforcement in today's complex society.

Most classes will be held at the Bellevue Police Department at City hall and are free of charge. If you're interested in attending, please visit any of our community substations or City Hall to apply, or email Sheila Evans at SEvans@bellevuewa.gov

Public Meeting on Search for New Fire Chief



Thursday, Aug 7, 6-7:30pm

City Hall Room 1E-108

Following the recent retirement of Bellevue's fire chief, city officials want to hear from the community as they prepare to launch a nationwide search for a new chief.

Residents and anyone else interested in the fire chief recruitment process, are invited to a public meeting to provide input. The event will be 6-7:30 p.m., Thursday, August 7, at City Hall, Room 1E-108. Light refreshments will be provided. Feedback also may be provided via an online survey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/D58C9PG), or by email at COBFireChiefRecruitment@ bellevuewa.gov.

The purpose of the meeting is to obtain community input to help the city attract and select the best candidates for the position. During this meeting, attendees will be asked:

• Please describe the most critical issue(s) you would like to see the new fire chief address in his/her first year on the job?

- What do you feel are the strengths of the Bellevue Fire Department, from your experience and viewpoint?
- What do you feel are the weaknesses or limitations of the fire department, from your experience and viewpoint?
- What personal and professional characteristics would you like to see in the new fire chief?
- If desired, please submit two questions you would like the recruitment consultants to ask when interviewing potential candidates.

The meeting will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone needing special assistance should contact City Hall during business hours, 8am to 5pm, by calling 425-452-6800, or email ServiceFirst@bellevuewa.gov.



CHOWDOWNtown Bellevue Food Truck Roundup

Thursday, Aug14, 3:30-8:30pm Ashwood Park

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Thursday, August 14 · 3:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Ashwood Park • 10820 NE 10th

Come eat & picnic on the lawn • Bring your blankets & lawn chairs
Music provided by *Dysfunction Junction Bluegrass Band* • 5:30–7:30p.m.
Free parking at Bellevue Library





Bellevue Parks & Information 425-452-6914



Gather your family, friends and neighbors and join the fun at Ashwood Park for an evening of great food and bluegrass music by Dysfunction Junction. Dinner available from twelve unique food truck vendors! Walking encouraged, but free parking available at the Bellevue library. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and come on down!

This event is a great way to have a neighborhood gathering with food and music provided for you. For more information, contact Julie Ellenhorn at jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-5372.

Solarize Bellevue Workshops

Tuesday, Aug 12, 6-8pm South Bellevue Community Center

Tuesday, Aug 26, 6-8pm Highland Community Center

Saturday, Sept 20 (Time & Location TBD)

Over 80 Bellevue residents have registered to participate in the "Solarize Bellevue" workshops being offered this summer, taking this opportunity to learn about the costs, incentives, benefits and requirements for putting solar power on their homes. What is everybody so excited about? Subsidies, incentives, and the dropping price of solar technology can now provide a return on your solar investment in less than 5 years through the Solarize program!

Solarize Bellevue is designed to help residents and businesses install solar energy systems this year by educating interested buyers, reducing costs about 10% below market rates, and streamlining the purchasing and permitting processes. The program has a goal of installing 25 new systems – however, if 30 or more systems are installed, the program will donate a free system to a Bellevue community non-profit organization.



There's still time to get involved! The three remaining workshops will be held the following dates and locations: August 12th at South Bellevue Community Center (6-8pm); August 26th at Highland Community Center (6-8pm); and September 20th at a time and location yet to be announced.

For more information and to register for a workshop today, visit www.GreenWA.org.



Parent-Teen Mediation Program



Parent-Teen Conflict? The City of Bellevue offers

a mediation service designed to help resolve teen-parent conflicts. The Bellevue Parent-Teen Mediation Program pairs trained teen mediators with trained adult mediators in an equal partnership, working with families to help parents and their teenage children sort through problems, identify issues, and set goals that work for everyone.

The parent-teen mediation program is led by highly skilled mentors and mediators. The program is now taking off in new directions with trainings, workshops, collaboration with the Bellevue School District, and recruitment of new adult and teen mediators. The mediators in the program see what mediation can bring to families with teens. They understand the importance of offering families an opportunity and a safe place for thoughtfully guided discussions. Last month, the Parent-Teen program successfully concluded its unique bi-annual training for both high school students and adult mediators.



The words of participants (clients & volunteers) in the Parent-Teen Program:

"I spent thousands on counselors and nothing worked, but [the mediators] did...I truly believe that if this program can help us, it can help anyone."

"I hope you understand how much you have helped our family. It is very good to get a third party perspective I think! You guys are a blessing."

"Thank you for spending so much time with me explaining the service you provide to the community...this is exactly what the boys and I need to communicate and be in a nonconfrontational environment."

"I valued every aspect of this week. Don't regret a moment of it. I learned so much aside from nonviolent communication, its benefit and importance, and a healthier way to approach conflict. I've learned so much from the people here. Stay Beautiful."

"I learned a lot about mediation and am sure it will help me in the future. I also gained courage."

"I liked how this will help me in everything I do from now on and how it will help me deal with my own issues and others."

If you live, work, or go to school in Bellevue, we encourage you to take advantage of this free, voluntary, and confidential service. If you know of parents or teens in conflict, or struggling to communicate, please share this service: www.bellevuewa.gov/parents_and_teens.htm. For more information, please email Mediation_info@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-4091.

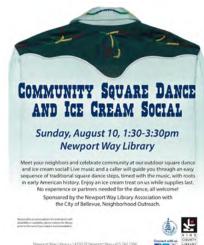
Community Square Dance and Ice Cream Social

Sunday, Aug 10, 1:30-3:30pm

Newport Way Library, 14250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue 98006

Meet your neighbors and celebrate community at our outdoor square dance and

ice cream social! Live music and a caller will guide you through an easy sequence of traditional square dance steps, timed with the music, with roots in early American history. Also, enjoy an ice cream treat on us while supplies last. No experience or partners needed for the dance, all welcome!



Bellevue Way Get's a "Fence-Lift"

The fences on the west side of Bellevue Way, between Northeast 20th Place and

Northeast 31st Street, have witnessed thirty years of Bellevue's history and are showing their age. At long last, the City is replacing the



old fences, which sit in the city's right-ofway and will be filling in existing gaps. Additionally, some of the thirty-yearold hedge plantings may also need to be replaced to clear the sidewalk and prevent sightline issues. This project will upgrade the look and feel of Bellevue Way and will be a fresh and welcome improvement to a much used streetscape.

Fence replacement work will take place in the fall of 2014. For information on this project, contact Chris Masek, Project Manager, 452-4619 or cmasek@bellevuewa.gov.



On The Move Bellevue

Find a carpool or vanpool partner, take the bus, bike, walk or telework to earn rewards for not driving alone! On The Move Bellevue (OTMB) is an online tool that rewards



travelers who use an alternative to driving alone as a means of transportation. OTMB allows users to log their non-drive alone trips they make to and from a location on an interactive calendar. Logging trips can add up to qualify travelers for monthly rewards.

Anyone who registers for OTMB can take the Make A Change pledge, a promise to change at least two days of driving alone to not driving alone, and be entered to win one of 25 \$25 gift cards. Those who fulfill the Make A Change pledge will also be invited to take the Maintain The Momentum survey three to six months later to follow up on their progress and be entered to win another \$25 gift card.

To learn more about OTMB and the Make A Change pledge, visit www. OnTheMoveBellevue.org. For information about general traveling options and transportation news in and around Bellevue visit ChooseYourWayBellevue.org.

On The Move Bellevue, a Choose Your Way Bellevue program, is a collaboration between the City of Bellevue, King County Metro and the Bellevue Downtown Association.

For more information, please email: info@onthemovebellevue.org or call 425-990-3097





August Meetings

(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the City web pages listed below to download agendas.)

8/4 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) East Link Monthly Update, Regional Issues (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Management Brief on proposal to install synthetic turf on the Bannerwood Park baseball infield, Consent Calendar, Public Hearing on Extension of Interim Regulations for Single-Family Room Rentals, Public Hearing on SMP, Bond Ordinances for Meydenbauer Convention Center, 120th Avenue Stage 2 Bid Award, Interlocal Agreement with King County for King County Cities Climate Collaboration, Franchise agreement with PSE for natural gas service, Action on technical expertise needed to supplement the multijurisdiction Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Energize Eastside Project where necessary to address Bellevue-specific issues

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

8/5 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Room Rental Ordinance Extension, Courtesy Hearing on Land Use Code Amendment

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

8/5 Arts Commission (4:30, 1E-109) Annual arts meeting planning, Bel Red Arts District engagement, Bellwether update, and Arts Policies' updates in the Comprehensive Plan. http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

8/7 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30-10:30a.m., 1E-120) Universal Design & Committee Updates http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

Bellevue's Neighborhood Outreach Office offers a variety of programs and partnerships for neighborhood leaders and active residents. To learn more about citizen involvement opportunities and programs to enhance neighborhoods, call 425-452-6836.